

14. (Amended) A method as in claim 12 wherein [said] the deviations are accounted for by applying chemicals only to a selected area of [said] the field while operating along [said first] the form line, [said] the selected area configured so as not to encroach upon [said second] other [portion] portions of [said] the field upon which chemicals were applied while operating the spraying apparatus along the previously computed form line.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested under Rule 116. Claim 1 has been amended to include the former limitations of claim 2 and, as a result, claims 1 and 3 (which was amended to depend from claim 1) are allowable over the prior art of record for the reasons set forth in the Final Office Action.

Further, the remaining claims are allowable for the same reasons. In particular, independent claims 4, 7 and 12 have been amended to recite a form line that is defined according to positions computed while (a) following a previously computed form line, itself having been derived from earlier positioning information (e.g., GPS data) and a swathing offset, and/or (b) deviating from that previously computed form line to accommodate one or more terrain features. Similar subject matter was recited in former claim 2 and, accordingly, no new matter is introduced and no new issues are raised by these amendments.

The Final Office Action recognized that the prior art of record fails to teach or suggest such features in reciting the allowability of former claim 2. See Final Office Action at p. 4. Accordingly, the present claims should be deemed to be allowable.

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